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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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Examiner: Jason M. Nolan

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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF N-SUBSTITUTED 2-CYANOPYRROLIDINES

MS: Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the outstanding Office Action dated June 21, 2007, in the above-identified application. Prior to the examination of the above-referenced patent application, please enter the following amendments.

An extension of time of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A petition for extension of time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment related to the filing of this Amendment to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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